

CHICAGO SUFFRAGISTS WANT PUBLIC SENTIMENT; HAVE STARTED WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN

Determined to win the right of equal suffrage with the men, but appealing to public sentiment rather than resorting to violence, as are their English sisters, Chicago suffragists, with the action of Judge Owens in allowing them to submit their appeal to a referendum of the male voters of the city as an entering wedge, have started a campaign that will end only when they have been given the ballot.

Three women's political organizations, the Chicago Political Equality League, the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association and the Illinois Political Equality Club, have welded together for the fight, and a whirlwind campaign will be carried on right up to primary day, April 9. Headquarters have been established at room 938, 410 S. Michigan ave., the offices of the Illinois Political Equality Club, and Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch, president of the club, is directing the activities of the women workers.

Able lecturers, including Miss Jane Addams, Dr. Anna Blount, Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch, Mrs. Raymond Robins of the Women's Trades Union League, Miss Virginia Brooks and Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout will speak on the question at meetings throughout the city.

The women will not hold meetings of their own, but will ask the different political organizations to allow them a few minutes at each gathering to put their

claims for suffrage before the men voters.

It is the intention of the suffrage organizations to station workers near the 1,400 polling places primary day to approach every voter and appeal to him to aid in the "cause." House to house canvassing is another method that will be used to stir up sentiment in favor of the women.

In addition to speaking at political meetings the women are planning a "tonneau campaign," taking the place of the old cart-tail speechmaking. Lecturers will be rushed around in autos to speak at noonday meetings at factories and open-air gatherings in the street, both day and night.

Mrs. McCulloch was enthusiastic today over the action of Judge Owens and the probability of indorsement of women suffrage at the primaries.

"I am sure that the men will show by a heavy majority at the primaries that they are in favor of extending the vote to us. We are making fights along sane and sensible lines, using arguments as our sole weapon. And I think we are using good arguments. Of course, we understand that an indorsement for our cause would not be binding on members of the assembly, but it will be a great moral weapon in our hands when we go to the legislature and show its members that the man voters in Chicago favor us. Down state the sentiment is overwhelmingly for votes for women."